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SUBJECT: AGENDA AND CHAIRMAN'S NOTE FOR IEA/SLT MEETING

MAY 17-18

1. ADDRESSEES PLEASE PASS MESSAGE IN PARA 2 TO HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR SLT MATTERS. OECD MISSION PASS TO SECRETARIAT.

2. AGENDA AND CHAIRMAN'S NOTE FOR MAY 17-18 SLT MEETING.

A. QUESTIONNAIRE FOR 1977 REVIEWS OF NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS. WE HAVE AGREED THAT THE SLT WOULD AIM AT APPROVING THE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE NEXT REVIEW CYCLE AT OUR MAY MEETING. SINCE THEN BOTH THE ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION SUB-GROUPS HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE QUESTIONNAIRE DRAFTED BY THE SECRETARIAT AND HAVE CONVEYED THEIR COMMENTS TO THE SECRETARIAT. ALTHOUGH THE NUCLEAR SUB-GROUP HAS NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE QUESTIONNAIRE, I UNDERSTAND THE CHAIRMAN BELIEVES THAT IT WILL ELICIT THE INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE REVIEWS OF THIS ASPECT OF NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS. THE SECRETARIAT IS TRANSMITTING THE REVISED QUESTIONNAIRE TO DELEGATIONS THIS WEEK. I SUGGEST WE AIM AT APPROVING THE QUESTIONNAIRE AT OUR

MEETING. IN THE EVENT FURTHER REVISIONS OF THE NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTIONS ARE REQUIRED, THESE COULD BE TRANSMITTED SUBSEQUENTLY.

B. IEA DATA SYSTEM

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WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THE UTILITY OF PUTTING SOME DATA REQUIREMENTS BY MEMBER COUNTRIES (PARTICULARLY ENERGY BALANCES) ON A SEPARATE TRACK AND ESTABLISHING AN AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR THIS PURPOSE. SUCH A SYSTEM WOULD REDUCE THE BURDEN ON THE SECRETARIAT, THUS FREEING IT FOR ANALYSIS, PERMIT DATA TO BE MANIPULATED FOR ANALYTICAL PURPOSES, AND ALLOW THIS DATA TO BE UPDATED QUICKLY AND AUTOMATICALLY WHEN CHANGES IN NATIONAL ENERGY POLICIES REQUIRE IT. THE US DELEGATION HAS BEEN EXPLORING HOW SUCH A SYSTEM MIGHT BE INSTALLED IN EXISTING COMPUTER FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE SECRETARIAT. IT WILL BE PREPARED TO OUTLINE SUCH A SYSTEM AND HAS INDICATED THAT IT IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SECRETARIAT IN IMPLEMENTING IT.

C. 1976 SLT COUNTRY REPORTS

AT ITS APRIL 25-26 MEETING, THE GOVERNING BOARD AGREED THAT A PACKAGE CONSISTING OF FOUR COMPONENTS

SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS AT A MEETING THAT WILL PROBABLY BE SCHEDULED IN LATE SEPTEMBER/EARLY OCTOBER. THE THIRD ELEMENT OF THIS PACKAGE WOULD BE "LINES OF ACTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES". THE GB REQUESTED THE SLT, IN CONNECTION WITH THIS COMPONENT OF THE PACKAGE, TO "FINALIZE THE REPORTS ON COUNTRIES PREPARED DURING THE RECENT SLT REVIEW, TAKING ACCOUNT OF SUCH SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR CHANGES AS MIGHT BE PUT FORWARD BY THE COUNTRIES REPORTED ON; AND TO CONSIDER AT ITS NEXT MEETING THE STATUS OF THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY REPORTS".

THE GOVERNING BOARD ALSO REQUESTED THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE, IN LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE NOTE SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN ON GENERAL LINES OF ACTION OR "ORIENTATIONS" FOR THE GROUP'S ENERGY POLICIES AND WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM DELEGATIONS SUBMITTED SUBSEQUENTLY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A PAPER AMALGAMATING THESE FOUR ELEMENTS OF THE PACKAGE TO BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS. THE SLT WILL DISCUSS THIS AMALGAMATED PAPER AT ITS JUNE MEETING AND SUBMIT COMMENTS ON IT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR ITS DISCUSSION IN JUNE. TWO ISSUES ARE THUS POSED FOR THE SLT: FINALIZATION OF

THE COUNTRY REPORTS; AND, RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GB REGARDING THEIR STATUS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME DELEGATIONS HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED RAPORTEURS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT, TO DISCUSS MODIFICATIONS IN COUNTRY REPORTS. OTHER DELEGATIONS MAY WISH TO DO SO. KEEPING IN MIND THE PRECEPT PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH BY THE GOVERNING BOARD THAT THIS PROCESS SHOULD NOT RESULT IN RE-OPENING THE REVIEW ITSELF, DELEGATIONS WHICH WISH TO SUGGEST CHANGES IN THEIR REPORT SHOULD SUBMIT PROPOSALS BEGIN UNDERLINE IN WRITING END UNDERLINE TO RAPORTEURS BY MAY 13, WITH COPIES TO THE SECRETARIAT AND THE SLT CHAIRMAN. THIS WILL FACILITATE RAPID FINALIZATION OF THE REPORTS.

STATUS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY REPORTS.

IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT IN THE SLT AND IN THE GOVERNING BOARD, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT THAT THESE REPORTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SLT. INDEED, SOME DELEGATIONS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE INDIVIDUAL RAPORTEURS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE REVIEWS OF NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE FULL SLT WITH ALL DELEGATIONS

HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE. IT HAS ALSO BEEN NOTED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN ANALYZED TO ASSESS WHETHER THEY REPRESENT ADEQUATE EQUIVALENCE OF EFFORTS. IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTORS, THE ISSUE WE MUST ADDRESS IS HOW THE "LINES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ACTION FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES" WILL BE STRUCTURED IN THE PACKAGE TO BE PUT TO MINISTERS IN THE FALL.

ONE APPROACH WOULD BE BASED ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 1976 GOVERNING BOARD DECISION WHICH STATED THAT THE GB WOULD DECIDE ON THE ADOPTION OF A GROUP OBJECTIVE FOR 1985 AND CONFIRM THE POLITICAL COMMITMENTS BY IEA COUNTRIES TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE ENERGY POLICY MEASURES NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THEM. THIS IMPLIES THAT IT IS UP TO IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES TO INDICATE HOW THEY INTEND TO REINFORCE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICIES.

STATEMENTS OF POLITICAL COMMITMENT BY IEA COUNTRIES WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE OVERALL POLICY FRAMEWORK OF THE "GENERAL LINES OF ACTION OR 'ORIENTATIONS' FOR THE GROUP'S ENERGY POLICIES" DRAWN FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORTS ON INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND OUR COMMON COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVE THE 1985 GROUP OBJECTIVE.

WE SHOULD FOCUS OUR DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE ON HOW WE MIGHT BEST ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF CONFIRMING THE POLITICAL COMMITMENTS BY IEA COUNTRIES TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE ENERGY POLICY MEASURES NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE GROUP TARGET. THE FOLLOWING SEEM TO BE THE KEY QUESTIONS:

1) TO WHAT EXTENT ARE MEMBER COUNTRIES PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE POLITICAL COMMITMENTS OF THIS KIND?

2) HOW WILL THEY MAKE THIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GROUP OBJECTIVE KNOWN, AND HOW WILL THIS POLITICAL COMMITMENT BE STATED?

3) IN VIEW OF THE PROPOSED TIMEFRAME FOR AN IEA MINISTRIAL, SHOULD THERE BE A SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMBER COUNTRY STATEMENTS OF REINFORCED ENERGY POLICIES? LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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D. NUCLEAR ENERGY

IN PREPARATION FOR THE PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR ISSUES BY THE GOVERNING BOARD AT ITS JUNE MEETING, I PROPOSE TO TRANSMIT A BRIEF NOTE SETTING FORTH SPECIFIC ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION AND REQUESTING GUIDANCE FOR FUTURE WORK OF THE NUCLEAR SUB-GROUP. THE SECRETARIAT WILL BE CIRCULATING SEPARATELY A NOTE FROM MR. HERZIG, CHAIRMAN OF THE NUCLEAR SUB-GROUP, WITH SOME SUGGESTED THOUGHTS ON THESE MATTERS. I PLAN TO HAVE A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES AT THIS MEETING AND RETURN TO THEM AT OUR MEETING IN JUNE. ON THE BASIS OF THIS, I WILL PREPARE A NOTE TO THE GOVERNING BOARD.

E. NATURAL GAS EXPERTS MEETING.

THE SECRETARIAT WILL PROVIDE AN ORAL REPORT ON THE MEETING HELD APRIL 27-28 AND AN INTERIM REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ANALYSIS SINCE THEN.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

THE SECRETARIAT WILL CONFIRM RAPPORTEURS FOR COUNTRY REVIEWS AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE IN-DEPTH TEAMS.
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